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Governor Jan Brewer Issues Declaration of Emergency in Response to Yarnell Hill Fire

Wildfire deadliest blaze in Arizona history

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer this morning issued a Declaration of Emergency in response to the Yarnell Hill Fire burning near Prescott, between Yarnell and Peeples Valley.

The Declaration makes available \$200,000 from the General Fund to support emergency response and recovery efforts associated with the fire. It also authorizes the Adjutant General to mobilize the Arizona National Guard, as necessary, to protect life and property.

The Yarnell Hill Fire began burning west of State 89 on June 28, 2013. To date, the blaze – said to be lightning-caused – remains uncontained and has reached approximately 8,374 acres. On Sunday, June 30, 2013, nineteen firefighters from the Granite Mountain Hotshot crew lost their lives battling the blaze. Additionally, the blaze fire has burned hundreds of structures and continues to threaten numerous homes and local residents.

Governor Brewer is authorized under state statute to declare a State of Emergency. The Declaration directs the following actions:

- a. Declares that a State of Emergency exists in Yavapai County due to the Yarnell Hill Fire, effective June 28, 2013 and continuing; and
- b. Directs the sum of \$200,000 from the General Fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expanded in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Directs that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and
- d. Authorizes the Adjutant General to mobilize and activate the Arizona National Guard as determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property throughout the State.

Additionally, the State Forestry Division has ordered a number of resources be deployed in support of suppression and alleviation efforts, including approximately 22 aircraft with 50 personnel; 31 ground resources – including engines, water tenders and bulldozers – and 18 crews, totaling approximately 400 ground personnel; approximately 100 incident management team members; a Critical Incident Stress Team; and a

Fire Investigation Team. Meanwhile, the Department of Public Safety has closed State Highway 89 between Date Creek Road South of Yarnell and Sorrells Ranch Road North of Peebles Valley.

For real-time incident updates, preparedness and hazard information, visit the Arizona Emergency Information Network (AzEIN) website, www.AzEIN.gov.

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